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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Haruki OKAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/050,249

Filed: March 30, 1998

For: IFN- $\gamma$  PRODUCTION INDUCING  
PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL  
ANTIBODY...

Confirmation No. 6601

) Art Unit: 1646

) Examiner: D. Jiang

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 11, 2002,  
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being  
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 93 with new rewritten claim 93 as  
follows below. A marked-up version of amended claim 93 to show  
the changes made is attached hereto.

21 *Sub m1*  
93 (Twice-amended). A monoclonal antibody which  
specifically recognizes (i) an interferon-gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) inducing  
protein, also known as IGIF and IL-18, having the following  
physiochemical properties of (1) to (4) or (ii) a variant thereof  
which has substantially the same physicochemical properties of